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FLOOR DEBATE

February 4, 2003 LB 41

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 41, a bill by Senator Thompson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of this year, at that time referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Thompson, you're recognized to open on LB 41.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LB 41 changes provisions of the County Purchasing Act. It was the result of work done at...over the summer, with a number of county officials. The Government Committee had an interim study on the issue. And the committee also voted 8-0 in support of this bill, and there was no opposition in committee. Essentially what it does is increase the minimum bids and purchase amounts required for purchase of personal property or services by the county board or purchasing agent; and also amends section 23-3109 to exempt cooperative purchasing agreements which are procured in accordance with a contract established by another governmental entity from the competitive bidding process. The amounts in the bill were last set in 1985 and 1987. And so this is an update to bring them more in line with current costs for these...for the services that are bid and the products that are bid. The bill is supported by the Nebraska Association of County Officials and the Nebraska Association of County Highway Superintendents, Engineers, and Surveyors. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Are there any wishing to debate the bill? Seeing none, the motion is to advance LB 41 to Select File. All in favor say aye; all those opposed...all those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 41.